



May 29, 2015

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Operation of Metro Line 270**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with LA Metro to transition operation of Line 270 in December of 2015.

Analysis

Line 270 travels along Peck Road through the Foothill Transit member cities of Monrovia, Arcadia, Irwindale, El Monte and South El Monte before traveling through Whittier and Santa Fe Springs to the Norwalk Green Line Station. The cancellation of this line would impact a number of residents in the Foothill Transit service area.

In addition to Lines 190 and 194 about which we have been in discussions with Metro, Metro has indicated that they may also be interested in transitioning Line 270. This potential transfer was discussed at the Governing Board meeting. Staff is seeking specific direction to negotiate the transition of line 270 in addition to line 190 and 194.

Line 270 currently operates 295,800 revenue miles and transports 780,000 passengers annually. Line 270 will enhance Foothill Transit's service portfolio and also provides the ability to improve Foothill Transit's coverage and customer mobility in the southern portion of the San Gabriel Valley.

Operation of Line 270 will require seven coaches during peak service. To facilitate this fleet need, Foothill Transit could delay the retirement of seven of the 30 coaches that were planned to be replaced with the 30 new coaches in our upcoming bus procurement. A procurement is currently underway for additional replacement coaches.

At the annual Governing Board meeting, the Governing Board approved including line 270 as part of our public hearings for service changes. This will occur over the summer months with a recommendation being made to the Executive Board once the public hearing process is complete.



Budget Impact

The preliminary analysis shows that assuming service for Line 270 will cost Foothill Transit approximately \$1.78 million per year to operate, which would be funded by fare revenues and an increase in Foothill Transit's local subsidy funding.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Landis
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Executive Director